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**TO:** Scott Smith, CVTPO  
CVTPO Transportation Technical Committee (TTC), CVTPO Policy Board

**FROM:** Will Cockrell, EPR-PC

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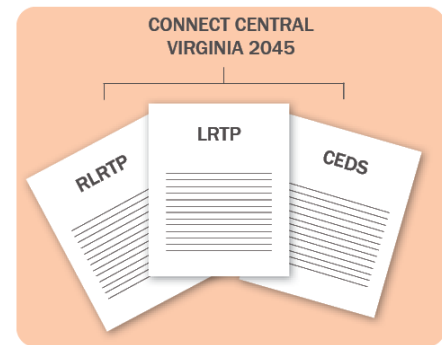
**RE:** Connect Central Virginia 2045, Draft Plan

**PURPOSE:** At their August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the TTC will review a draft of the Connect Central Virginia 2045 plan. EPR, P.C. will review the document with the committee and identify any additional edits in preparation for a September public hearing. A similar activity will occur with the Policy Board at its August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**BACKGROUND:** The 2045 LRTP process began in the Spring of 2019. The TPO progressed through all phases of the plan, despite challenges brought on by unforeseen events, such as the COVID Pandemic. At the July TTC meeting, VDOT concluded that the Constrained List of Projects would only consist of projects that are already funded and listed in the Six Year Improvement Program. The 2045 projects that were evaluated since January 2020 remain as a core element of the plan and are scored in this final draft. The ranking of Vision Projects includes information and next steps that are intended to transition those recommendations into state funding processes, such as SMART SCALE.

TPO staff thoroughly reviewed a draft of Connect Central Virginia that they received in mid-July. EPR addressed staff comments with corrections and revisions.

**ISSUES:** Connect Central Virginia is unlike any other LRTP effort. When reviewing the document, be aware that Connect Central Virginia is a combination of three documents – the TPO’s Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the PDC’s Rural Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP), and the region’s CEDS plan (specifically the Lynchburg Connectivity Study, which served as the transportation element of the CEDS). Throughout the document, references to “Connect Central Virginia 2045” apply to elements that refer to two or three of the constituent documents. At other times, the plan refers to the LRTP, RLRTP, or CEDS separately. This brings an integrated approach, so that the LRTP is interwoven with economic development and the surrounding rural transportation network.



**ACTIONS NEEDED:** The TPO will schedule a public hearing on Connect Central Virginia in September [Staff note: this has been scheduled for Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.]. For its August meeting, the TTC will be asked to review this draft and provide comments by the end of the week. EPR and TPO staff must post a draft version of the plan by August 17<sup>th</sup> for public viewing. While there can be changes to the document after August 17<sup>th</sup>, the posted version should substantively represent the document that goes to public hearing in September. The TTC will hold their last meeting on the 2045 effort on September 10<sup>th</sup>, when staff will ask for a recommendation to the Policy Board.

**To view the draft plan, visit [www.connectcentralvirginia2045.com](http://www.connectcentralvirginia2045.com)**

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